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Catherine Glidden Office of Environmental Analysis Surface Transportation Board Washington, D.C. 20423

Subject: Inadvertent Discovery Report on FAI-02118

Dear Ms. Glidden:

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence (dated September 14, 2011) on September 14, 2011.

Following our review of the documentation provided, we concur with your determination that site FAI-02118, the Tom Bear Trail Cabin, is **not eligible** for the National Register of Historic Places. As such, we further concur that a finding of **no historic properties affected** is appropriate for recommencement of construction activities in the vicinity.

Should unidentified archaeological resources be discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4) in consultation with our office.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Shina duVall at 269-8720 or shina.duvall@alaska.gov if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Bittner

State Historic Preservation Officer

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